THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Tha Government has initiated a study to explore the applicability of Vedic mathematics in computers.

(b) to (d) According to the information available, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has planned to include relevant literature of Vedic Mathematics as an enrichment material in their teachers manual of high schools and Higher Secondary Schools which are being developed in the NCERT.

[English]

Child Labour

145. SHRI BASUDEV ACHARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make some provisions for ensuring economic compensation to the family of the child labour family;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR(SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits and regulates employment of children in certain occupations and processes included in the Schedules to the Act. There are other labour laws like the Factories Act, 1948, the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, etc., which either prohibit or regulate employment of child labour. However since the problems of child labour are mainly due to socio-economic compulsions, the National Child Labour Policy was announced in 1987 for stricter enforcement of various labour laws related to child labour and for focussing of general development programmes for benefitting child labour wherever possible which includes income-generating programmes for the families of child labour the anti-poverty schemes of the Government. It also envisages starting of special projects for suitably rehabilitating children withdrawn from employment in areas of high concentration of child labour by way of setting up of special schools for child workers where an integrated package of inputs comprising education, health, nutrition, vocational training and stipend to the children taken out from the prohibited employments are provided.

Issue of Ration Cards In Trans - Yamuna Areas

146. SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

a) whether applications for issue of ration cards in the trans-Yamuna area of Delhi remain pending for months for its enquiry and even after enquiry these are not issued in time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to(c) 365 applications are pending for issue of food cards as per details given below:

Less than 7 days	More the 7 days but less than 15 days	More than 15 days but less than one month
33	25	7

These applications could not be cleared for issue of food cards because field inquiries could not be completed in these cases. Circle Offices have been directed to dispose of all such applications, which are pending more than 7 days, expeditiously.

[*Translation*]

Divarsion of Funds Allocated under J.R.Y by States

147. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to liberalise the conditions of Jawahar Rozgar Yojna with the purpose of rural development under which village development work would be entrusted not only to Gram Panchayats but to block and district boards also;

(b) whether the union Government was fully assured by the State Governments that funds allotted under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojna would be spent only on rural development; and

(c) whether the amount allotted for this purpose has been spent other-wise in some States; if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No changes in the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana guidelines which prescribes the implementation of the programme through the village panchayats at the village level and District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and zila parishads (ZPs) at the district level is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is a Centrally Sponsored Programme for creation of wage employment in the rural areas only. Funds are provided to the State Governments with the assurance that they will be used in the rural areas only.

(c) There are no instances in the knowledge of the Government of India where the funds have been spent otherwise. However, if such instances are proved, the Government of India would recover the money so mis-spent.

Ownership rights to the Owners of Jhuggi-Jhoparias

148. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give ownership rights to those poor persons and other belonging to economically weaker section who have built Jhuggi Jhoparis in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and madras and have been residing there in for the last four years;

(b) whether any scheme is under the consideration of the Government to improve the residential units in these slums by way of extending bank loan facilities to the owners of such Jhuggi-Jhoparis; and